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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING

REF: STATE 167575

1. ECON COUNSELOR ON JULY 5 DISCUSSED US PROPOSAL FOR CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT ON COUNTERFEITING WITH ROBIN GRAY, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEPT. OF TRADE. GRAY WAS WELL BRIEFED, HAVING MET WITH AND CORRESPONDED WITH BILL WALKER.

2. IN SUM, SAVE FOR NOTING THE SHORTNESS OF TIME, GRAY WAS POSITIVE IN HIS REACTION, THOUGH HE NOTED HE WAS STILL IN THE MIDST OF CONSULTING OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND NOT PERFECTLY CERTAIN ON SOME POINTS. HE PERSONALLY COULD SEE NO REASON FOR THE U.K. TO OPPOSE THIS AGREE-  
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MENT. THE PRACTICES IT WOULD ATTACK ARE NOT OF MAJOR CONCERN TO THE U.K. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS, E.G. FROM THE DISTILLERS CO. AND FROM (BRITISH) YALE LOCK.

3. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS HE SAW WERE:  
(A) BRITISH CUSTOMS WOULD NOT ACCEPT AND COULD NOT BE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT IT SHOULD OPERATE UNDER A

GENERAL INJUNCTION TO SCREEN FOR AND SEIZE COUNTERFEITS.  
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE OWNER OF A TRADEMARK REGISTERED IN THE U.K. COMPLAINED, THE CUSTOMS COULD AND WOULD SEIZE COUNTERFEIT GOODS.

(B) WHAT TO DO WITH THE SEIZED GOODS. HE THOUGHT THAT UNDER CURRENT U.K. LAW THE DECISION ULTIMATELY RESTED WITH THE COURTS. THE LAW COULD IF NECESSARY BE CHANGED. BUT HE FELT PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF GOODS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE IN ANY CASE.

4. IF THE FINAL BRITISH POSITION IS NOT DECIDED IMMEDIATELY, MTN DELEGATION MAY WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH GRAY, WHO WILL BE IN GENEVA BEGINNING JULY 5.

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